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In re Application of
Yuichiro ITAKURA, et al
Application No. 10/695, 286
Filed: October 28, 2003
Attorney Docket No. U000-P03191US

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed July 27, 2005.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

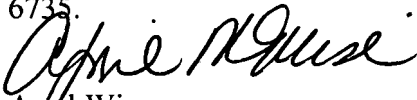
The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reason provided does not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, "a practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office." More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "if paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reason set forth in the request, application has been transferred to a different firm at the owner's instruction, does not meet any of the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

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